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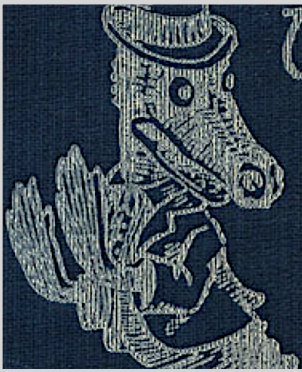

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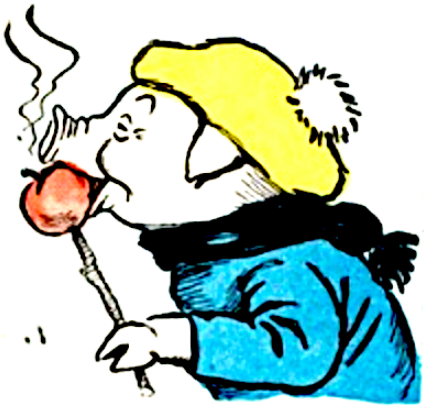


Fuzzy Fox

Jackie & Peetie Bow Wow

Jollie Little Mouse

Uncle Wiggily

Old Dog Percival

The Fish

Mr. Twistytail

Woozie Wolf

Skillery Scallery Alligator

& Friends

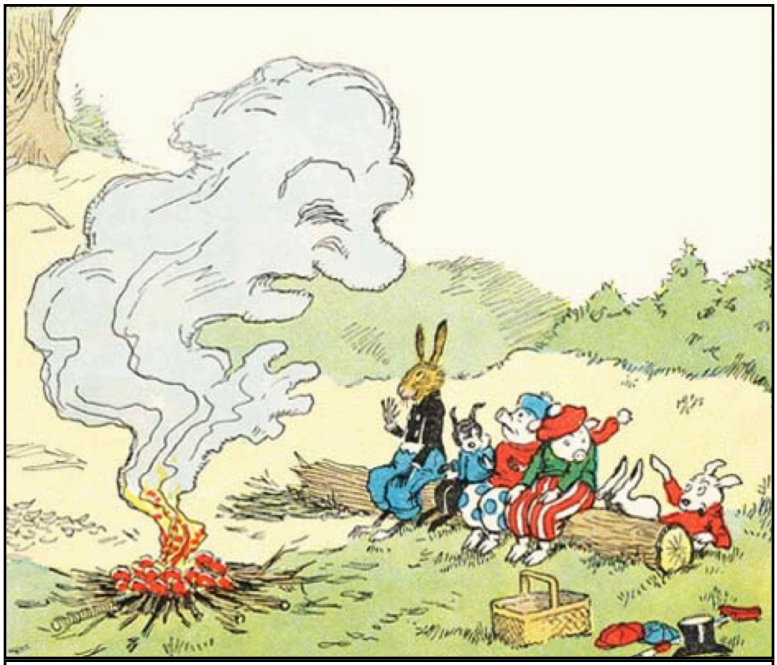
Bob the Bobcat

Curly & Floppy Twistytail

THE ADVENTURE OF THE QUEER BONFIRE

1. One fine autumn day, when the wind was blowing crisply through the trees, Uncle Wiggily met Curly and Floppy Twistytail, the piggie boys. "Where are you going with those fine apples?" asked the bunny. "We were going to eat them," grunted Floppy. "Well, come with me and I'll build a bonfire so you may roast them before you eat them, said the bunny. "Oh what fun!" squealed Floppy, dancing around.”

2. Taking the piggie boys to the foot of a little hill, Uncle Wiggily made a bonfire. They were just going to roast the apples when Jackie and Peetie Bow Wow, two puppy dog boys seeing the smoke, thought somebody's house was on fire. "Come on! Put out the fire!" barked Jackie. He and Peetie filled their caps with water and—dashed it all over the bunny and the pigs! "Oh, excuse us!" barked the puppies."



3. "We didn't know you wore here, having a bonfire!" barked Jackie, after Uncle Wiggily and the piggie boys had dried themselves off, and the apples were roasting in the blaze. "Yes, we are having a little picnic, and you are both invited," said the bunny. Everything was going nicely when, all of a sudden, Peetie gave a loud howl, and cried: "Oh! Look at the big GIANT!" Surely enough, there he was!"

4. "Where's a giant?" asked Uncle Wiggily. "Over the fire!" answered Peetie. "Oh ho! That's only a smoke giant!" laughed the bunny. "The smoke of our bonfire takes on strange shapes. Let's see if I can't make something else." Uncle Wiggily threw some leaves on the fire. A thick smoke arose and Curly squealed: "Oh, look at the circus elephant!" Surely enough, the smoke turned into an elephant!"

5. "Oh, this is lots of fun!" cried Jackie as the smoke elephant slowly floated away. "May I try to make a smoke animal from our bonfire?" asked Floppy "Yes, toss on some leaves and see what shape the smoke takes," said the bunny. The two piggie boys tossed some damp leaves on the bonfire, and while Uncle Wiggily and the puppy dogs looked a camel appeared. "Oh, see!" squealed the pigs.”

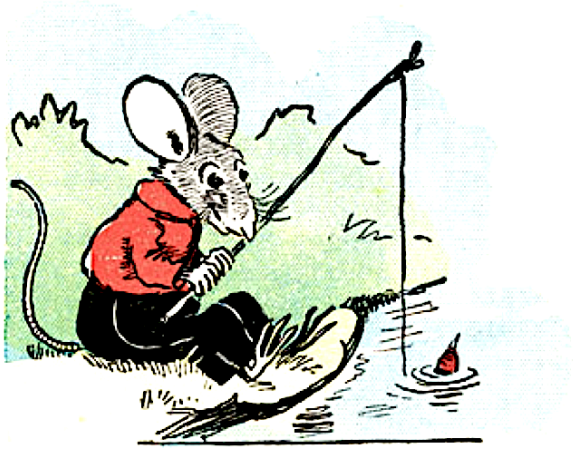
6. "Now it's our turn to make a smoke-animal!" barked Jackie, as the camel slowly faded from sight. "Yes, gather up some leaves and let's see what the smoke will make for you," answered Uncle Wiggily. "But let's see if the apples are roasted," begged Curly. The apples were nicely baked, and the piggie boys ate some while Jackie and Peetie put on leaves. "Oh, look!" they barked. "We made a BEAR!"

7. While Uncle Wiggily was having a good time at the bonfire with the puppies and piggies, the Fox and the Skillery Scallery Alligator were feeling very sad. "There isn't a thing to eat! barked the Fox. "No,; but I think I smell roast apples and rabbit ears," snarled the 'Gator. "Let's go over the hill and I think we'll find something good to eat! Some one is cooking at a bonfire. Come on, Mr. Fox!”

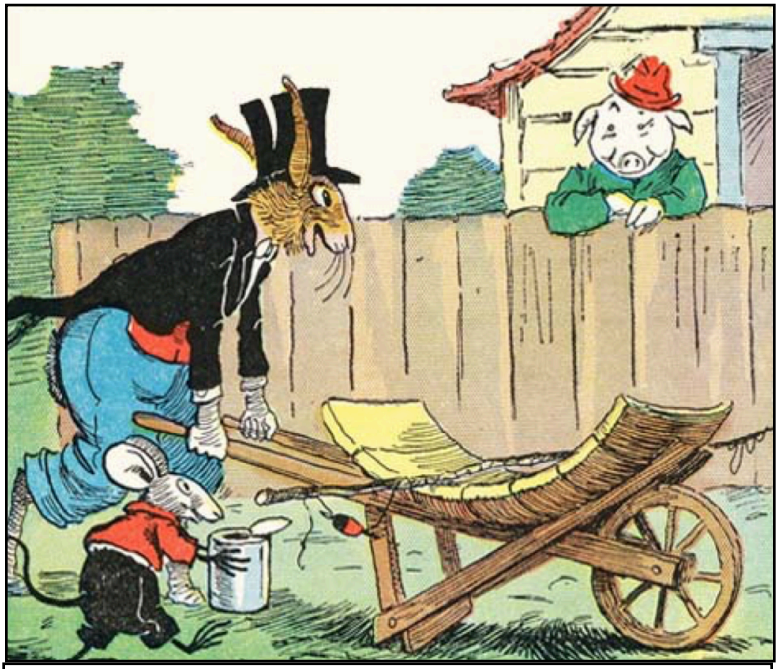
8. Creeping, creeping through the woods went the Fuzzy Fox and the Skillery Scallery Alligator. They came to the top of the hill. At the bottom Uncle Wiggily, the puppy dogs and the piggie boys were all putting leaves on the fire to make a fine blaze. "Now's our chance!", whispered the 'Gator. "We'll rush down and grab them! Oh, what a fine dinner we'll have, with roast apples for dessert. Come along!"

9. All of a sudden, just as the Fox and 'Gator rushed down to grab Uncle Wiggily and the animal boys, all at once the smoke formed itself into the shape of a great, big, savage circus lion. "Oh, look!" snarled the'Gator. "Look what's coming after us!" The Fox howled. "We'd better run! I'm afraid of Lions!" And run away they did, while Uncle Wiggily and the animal boys laughed: "Ha! Ha! Ha!"

So if the golf ball doesn't fly up into the bird's nest and try to make itself look like a crow's egg, the next pictures and story will be about uncle wiggily's friendly fish.

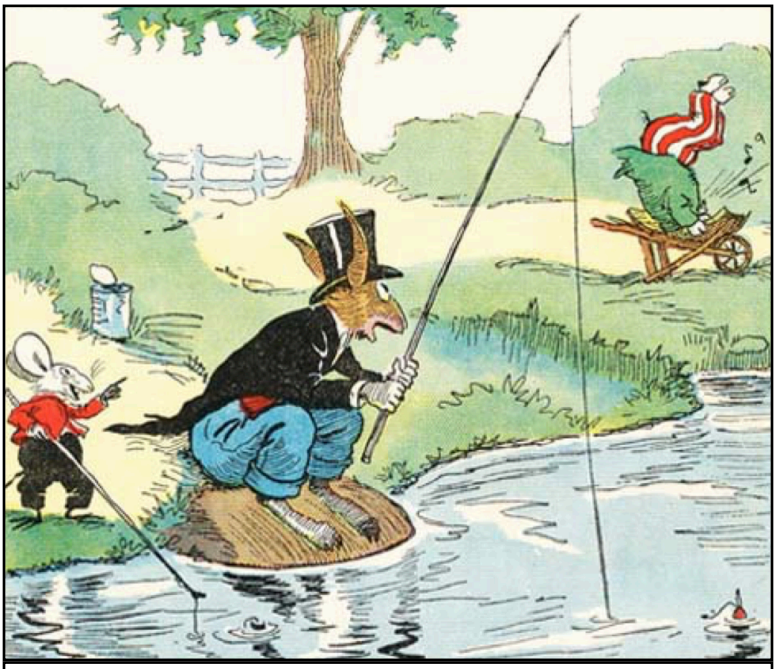


THE FLAPPING FISH FROM OUT THE BROOK, TOOK THE BUNNY'S SILVER HOOK. UNCLE WIGGILY CAUGHT A WHALE, WHO TOOK THE BOB CAT OFF TO JAIL.



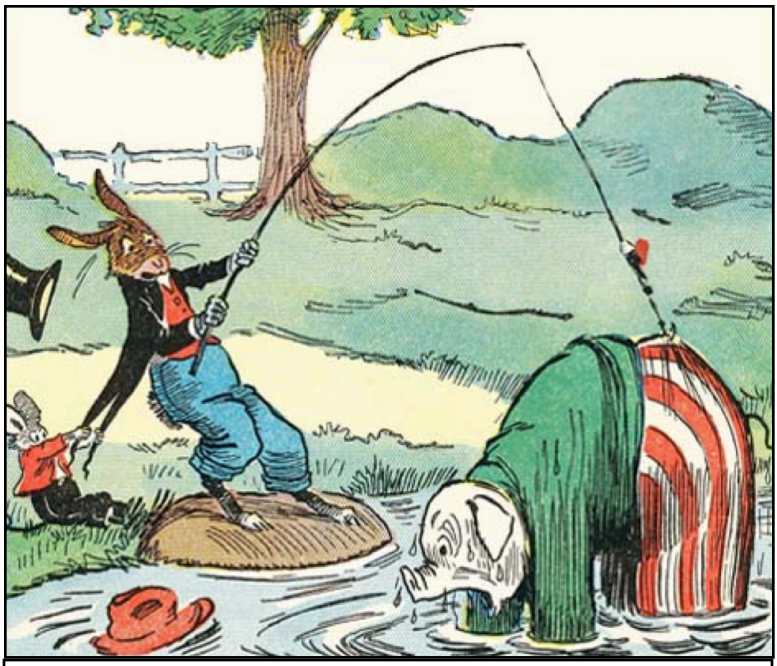
UNCLE WIGGILY'S FRIENDLY FISH

1. One sunny day Uncle Wiggily saw a little mouse boy creeping along the road with a can. "What have you in that can, Jollie, my boy?" asked the rabbit. "Fish bait," squeaked Jollie. "I'm going fishing!" Uncle Wiggily laughed and said: "I'll go with you." So the bunny went fishing with Jollie. "Why have you the wheelbarrow?" asked Mr. Twistytail. "To wheel my fish home." said Uncle Wiggily.”

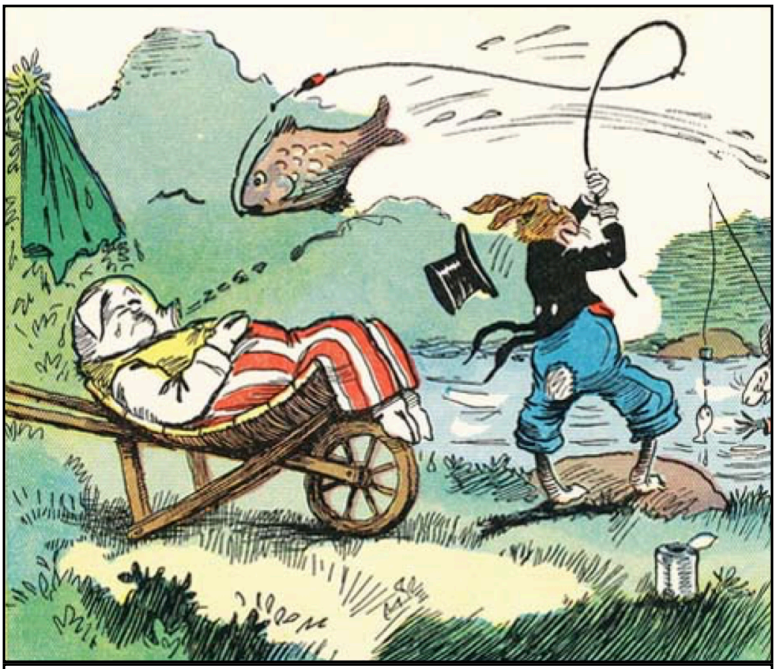


2. "Ha Ha!" laughed the pig gentleman. "Do you expect to catch a wheelbarrow full of fish?" Uncle Wiggily said he might. "I'll come along and watch!" grunted Mr. Twistytail. When they reached the brook the rabbit gentleman began to fish. But Mr. Twistytail stood on his head in the wheelbarrow and sang, making Jollie laugh. "Please don't make so much noise. You'll scare the fish!" said Uncle Wiggily."

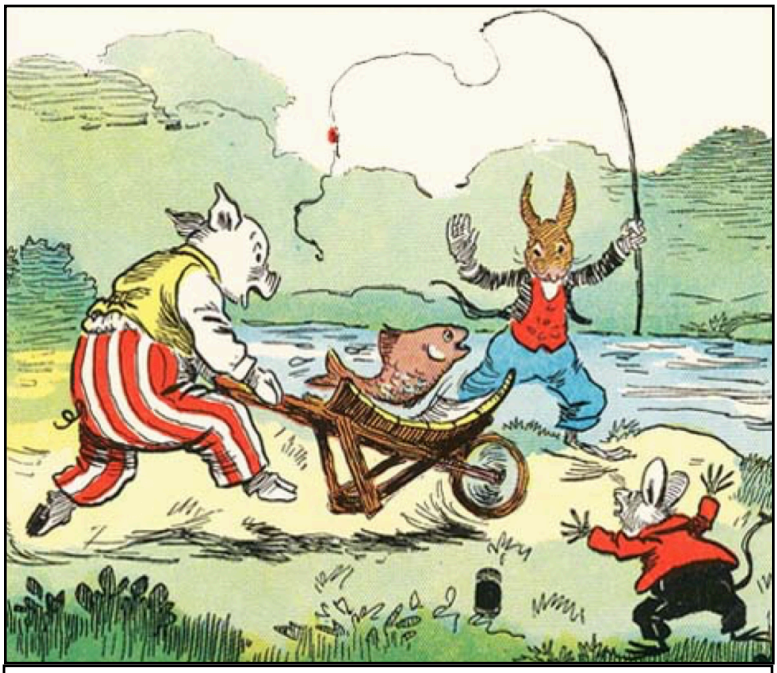
3. "All right," grunted Mr. Twistytail with a jolly smile. "If you don't want me to sing I'll come an watch you fish!" He jumped out of the wheelbarrow and went to the edge of the brook. "Who will catch the first fish?" grunted the pig. "I think I have a bite!" whispered Jollie. Mr. Twistytail leaned over too far, to see, and, all of a sudden, he began slipping "Look, Uncle Wiggily!" squeaked Jollie.”



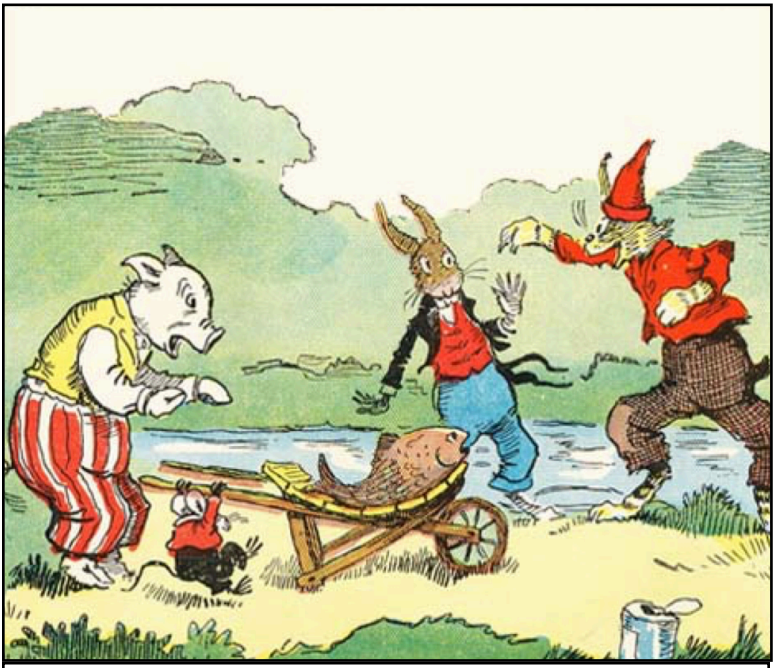
4. "Splash!" All of a sudden Mr. Twistytail fell into the water. "Wuff! Wuff!" he grunted. "Get me out, Uncle Wiggily! Get me out!" "My goodness!" cried the bunny, "you'll drive the fish a mile away!" But he was kind to the pig gentleman,; and hooked him in the trousers. "Pull, Jollie!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "We'll make believe we have caught a whale!" Mr.Twistytail cried: "Oh, save me!”



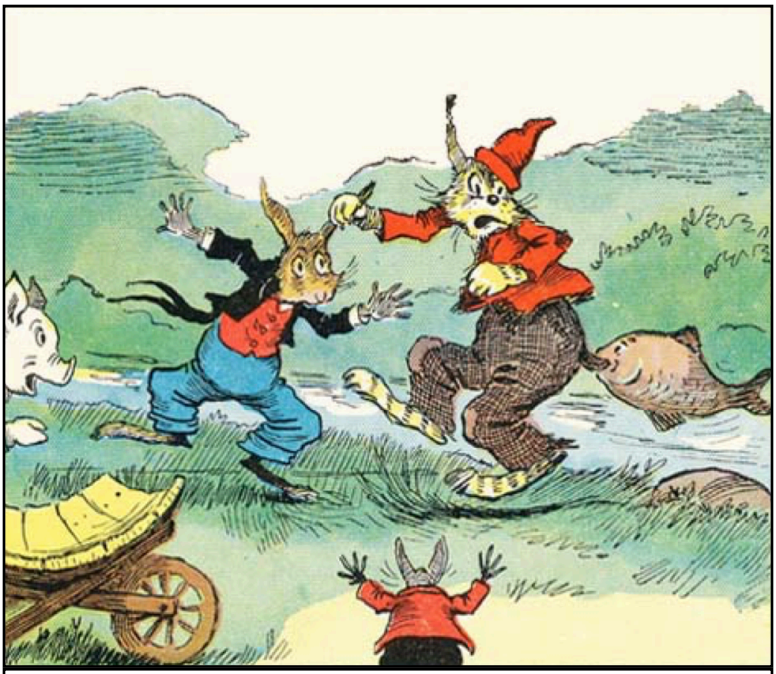
5. At last Mr. Twistytail, dripping wet, was pulled from the brook. "Thank you for saving me, Uncle Wiggily," he grunted. "That's all right," spoke the bunny. "Better lie down in the wheelbarrow and keep quiet for a while." So Mr. Twistytail went to sleep. All of a sudden, Jollie cried: "I've caught a fish!" and he pulled up a little one. "I've caught a whale!" shouted the rabbit. Out flapped a big fish!”



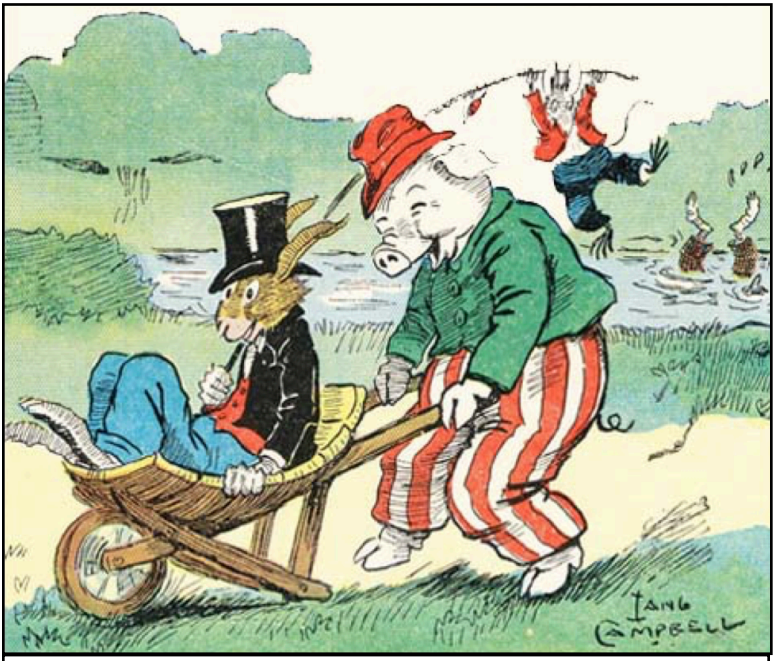
6. All of a sudden the big fish slipped off the silver hook of Uncle Wiggily's line. "Flop!" and the fish flapped right into Mr. Twistytail's face. "Oh, gug! Wug! Gurra! Gazinka!" grunted the pig as he suddenly awakened. "Oh, you poor fish!" grunted the pig. "You want to get back in the brook! I'll put you there!" Mr. Twistytail began wheeling the fish toward the water. "Stop! Stop!" cried the bunny."



7. The pig gentleman looked around as he kept on wheelbarrowing the fish toward the water. "What's the matter, Uncle Wiggily?" he grunted. "I caught that fish and want to take it home!" said the bunny. "I want to show it to Nurse Jane." Suddenly out popped the Bob Cat. "You come to my home!" he howled at the bunny "I want to show you to my little Bob Cats!" The fish gasped: "Zlump! Zlump!"

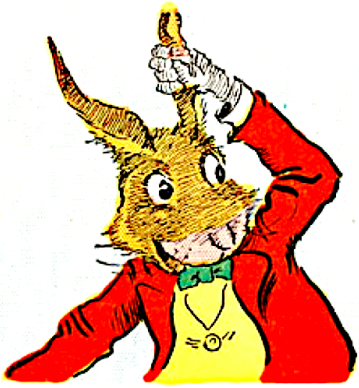


8. "Yes, you must come along to my den!" growled the Bob Cat as he caught hold of the rabbit's ears and pulled him. "Oh, won't somebody please do something!" squeaked Jollie Longtail. "Yes, I will!" gasped the fish. Suddenly, he flopped off the wheelbarrow and caught hold of the Bob Cat's trousers. "Hi, skippie!" howled the bad chap. "What are you doing?" The fish said: "You need a bath! Come on!”

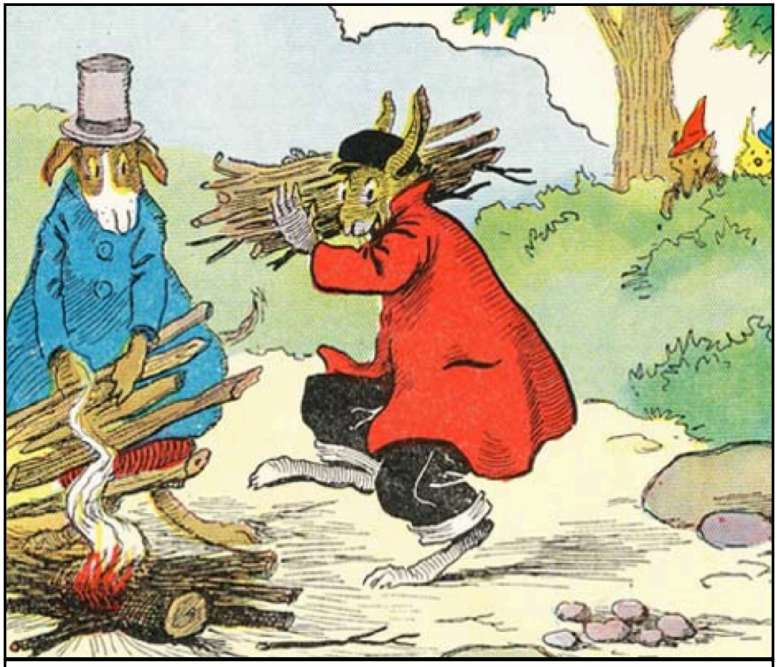


9. The big fish that Uncle Wiggily had caught was strong as a whale, and when he pulled the Bob Cat that Bob Cat simply had to go whether or not he wanted to. "You don't mind if I jump back in the brook, do you, Uncle Wiggily?" asked the fish. "Oh, of course not," said the kind bunny. "In we go!" gasped the fish, and into the water he flopped with the Bob Cat. That was the end of Uncle Wiggily's fishing."

And if the griddle cake will turn a somersault and flop over, so the molasses can sweeten both sides of it, the next story and pictures will be about uncle wiggily's smoke balloon.



LIST WHILE I SING YOU A RIGHT JOLLY TUNE. UNCLE WIGGILY WAS CAUGHT BY THE BAD CHAPS,BUT SOON, HE FLEW AWAY OFF IN A HOT-AIR BALLOON!



UNCLE WIGGILY'S SMOKE BALLOON

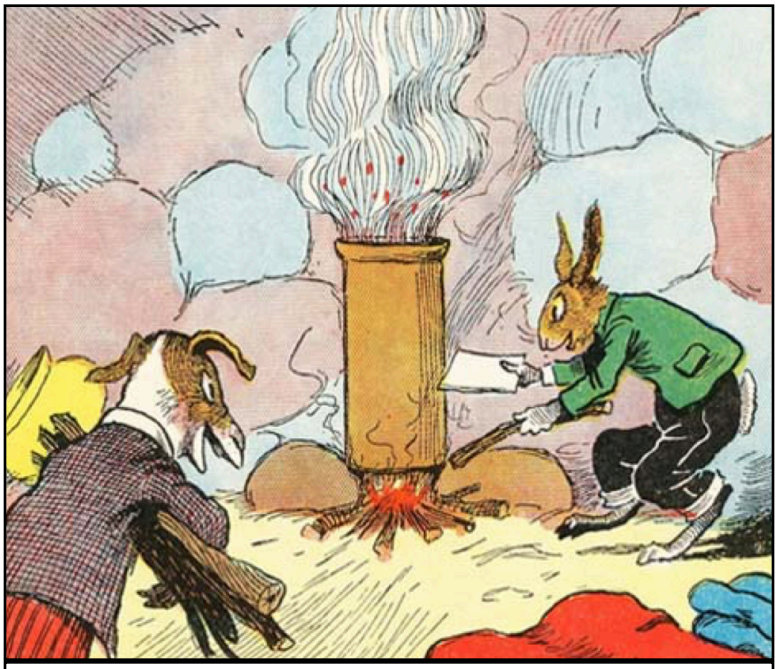
1. One day Uncle Wiggily visited his friend Old Dog Percival. "Put on your coat and come out in the woods with me," invited the bunny. "We'll gather wood, make a bonfire and roast potatoes. I have the potatoes in my pocket." So out in the woods the friends built a fire, and gathered wood to keep it going. The Fox and Bob Cat smelled the smoke and the Fox said: "I know a trick we can play on them!”

2. "What sort of a trick?" asked the Bob Cat. "We'll play a trick so we can catch Uncle Wiggily and bring him to the den," whispered the Fox. "Listen. We shall each gather a bundle of sticks for the bon fire. "We'll put the bundles of sticks'on our heads and Uncle Wiggily won't know us. Neither will Percival.; We can get close up to them before they see who we are. By that time we shall have caught them!”

3. "That's a good trick!" snarled the Bob Cat. But if Uncle Wiggily had heard of it he would have said it was a bad one. However, the bunny and old Dog Percival soon had a fine fire blazing. "Now we'll roast some potatoes," said Mr. Longears. "Yes, and now we'll catch you!" said the Fox. With bundles of wood on their heads, so they wouldn't be known, the bad chaps went closer and closer to the fire."

4. "Who are these friends of yours, Uncle Wiggily?" barked Old Dog Percival as he saw the two animals with the wood on their heads. "I don't know," replied the bunny. "Perhaps one is Uncle Butter, but the other—" The Fox and Bob Cat suddenly dropped their bundles. "Now you see who we are!" cried the bad chaps. "Come to our den!" And the Bob Cat dragged Percival while the Fox took Uncle Wiggily."

5. "Let us go! Let us go!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Yes, we shall let you go to our den, but nowhere else!" laughed the Bob Cat. Soon he and the Fox pulled the rabbit and dog to a den amid the rocks. "Now you stay here until we get the Woozie Wolf!" snarled the Bob Cat, pushing Percival into a corner. "We shall soon return with him." Uncle Wiggily saw a piece of pipe and the fireplace. He had an idea."



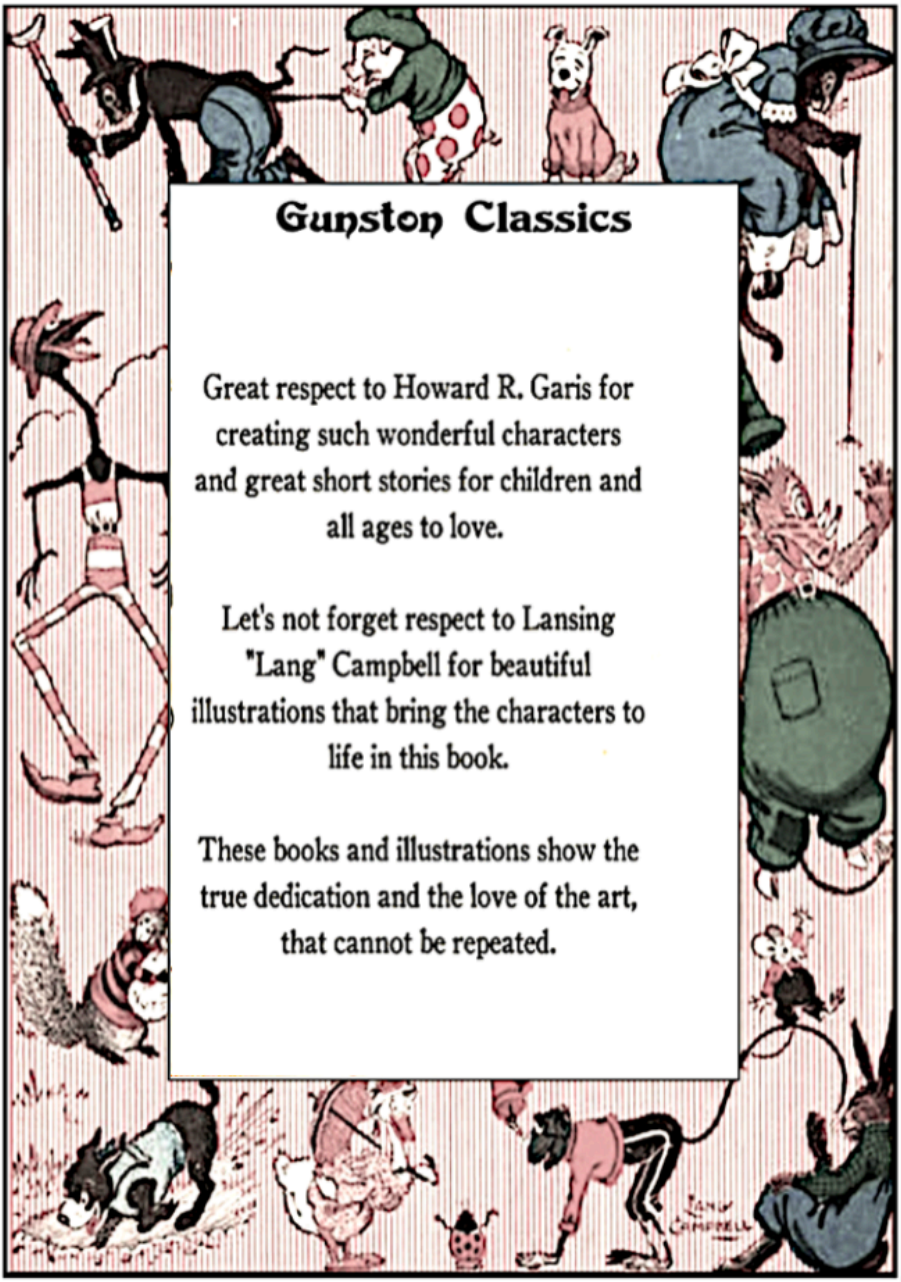
6. Look here, Percival!" cried Uncle Wiggily, when the Fox and Bob Cat had gone, shutting the rock door after them, "I know how we can get out of here." The dog looked at the high, steep rocks on all sides of them. "You might jump out, but I can't," he said. "We need a balloon!" The bunny laughed and said: "That's just what we will make—a big hot air balloon out of our coats! First the hot air!"

7. Uncle Wiggily put the piece of pipe in the stone fireplace of the bad chaps, and started a blaze. Up out of the pipe rushed the hot air, as it does when a man goes up in a balloon at the fair. "Now we'll button our big coats together and make a bag to hold the hot air," went on the rabbit. "When the coat balloon fills up with hot air and smoke, we will both hang to it and be lifted out of this den!”

8. When Uncle Wiggily and Old Dog Percival were making their coats into a hot air balloon, the Fox and Bob Cat met the Woozie Wolf. "Come to our den, Mr. Wolf!" they invited. "What have you to eat there?" growled the Wolf. "Uncle Wiggily!" snickered the Bob Cat. "He is good enough for me!" growled the Wolf. "Look!" cried the Bob Cat, "some one has started a fire in our place!"

9. "We'd better hurry!" cried the Fox. "Maybe Uncle Wiggily is trying to burn down our den." The Bob Cat said: "It can't' burn—it's stone. Uncle Wiggily can't get out. We'll soon be nibbling his ears!" But as the Fox opened the rock door of his den, and he and the two bad chaps ran in—why, Uncle Wiggily and Percival just caught hold of the sleeves of the coat balloon, and they were lifted out by the hot air."

THE END



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